

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 are rejected.

Claims 5-7 have been cancelled without prejudice.

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant cancels Claims 5-7 without prejudice solely for the non-limiting purpose of simplifying the issues for appeal, and subject to Applicants' right to re-introduce and seek further prosecution of these now cancelled claims in a related application. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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